Dear Millie

Your letter came this morning. I am sorry you had such a time going down. If that dummy is going to refuse to do its duty that way, I should think it would be very inconvenient for the students. Why did not you make the Janitor useful and get him to carry some of your things? I have no doubt it will come hard to you to settle down to study, but I rather think it will be better for you than to be here with no aim or purpose before you. There are times when the greatest blessing that can come to us is the necessity for hard steady work. You will I think be the better just

sewing and try, but the house is so empty and still that I ~~wish~~ throw it down and take a book or rush off out doors. Oh Uncle's new office is 318. Pine St. I thought you might have some errand there and if I did not put it down the moment I thought of it I could not put it down at all. What do you think our nice old Tom got his paw in a gopher trap last night. I hasten to tell you, lest you suffer mentally that it was not one of that old villainous kind with teeth and though he holds his paw up it certainly is not broken nor much swollen, and his slumbers seem very peaceful. The part that makes one feel most badly about it, is that he came under the dining room window in the evening. We heard a noise which we decided was a rat in the cellar. Foolish Tom did not cry at all and the noise must have been the ~~rat~~ dragging of the chain attached to the trap. Unfortunately Fritz was outside and we heard him bark and then heard the noise no more. This morning Charlie found her and released him. I am a little afraid to send this envelope which has been to the P.O. twice and returned.

Yours
Mamma.

at present for putting your thoughts as completely as possible on your books during five days of the week. It would gratify me much to know that you spent the other two at the City. Joe went back Monday. He did not seem to think he should go over to C to spend his Sabbaths. He thought he would like to go sometimes but I told him, I should not like that, if he went at all I wanted he should go all the time. By the way, when Joe sends you his report please let me know the per. ct.

I enclose in this a slip cut from Oakland paper sent to C. dont know as you will be interested but thought you might.

Last Sabbath Papa & C. went to Chh. Joe and I stayed at home. All the Beards there, Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. E. and Johnny. Mr. Brier in the pulpit. Do you think any good was done? Papa went to Haywood's on Monday. Said he had a good time. Wash is back at work, seems quite bright and like himself.

The letters saying "I saw in Am. Agriculturist" etc. continue to come in, one came tonight requesting catalogue etc. Papa exclaimed, "What do they send to me from San José for?"

We are still selling some trees. I am happy to say the P——s are to be paid off tomorrow.

I am accomplishing just nothing at all. It seems just impossible for me to settle down to sewing. I take my

Shasta matters remain in "Statu quo". Much talk but nothing done.